

Abstract of the Disclosure

A locking safety latch for a tensioned fence of the type comprising a plurality of spaced apart poles having a lower end secured to the ground, a mesh screening material stretched between the poles and a pair of adjacent gate poles, with no mesh screening material therebetween, which may be lifted out of the ground and swung to the side to provide a “gate” opening. The locking safety latch comprises a first screw eyelet, with its screw end secured to one of the gate poles, a second screw eyelet, with its screw end secured to the second gate pole, and a hook member, with a first ring-shaped end in mating engagement with the eyelet end of the second screw eyelet, and a generally L-shaped arm extending out from the first ring-shaped end.

10 The outer distal end of the L-shaped arm includes a second ring-shaped end structured (i) to be inserted through the eyelet end of the first eyelet member and (ii) to receive the arm of a padlock therethrough. In use, the second ring-shaped end of the hook member is inserted through the eyelet of the first eyelet member, the arm of the padlock is then inserted through the second ring-shaped end and the padlock is then locked so that the second ring-shaped end cannot be lifted out

15 of eyelet of the eyelet member, thereby locking the latch and preventing the “gate” from being opened.